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AAI International Grandmasters Chess Tournament 2011

New Delhi: Fabiano Caruana, winner of the AAI Grandmasters Chess tournament received his trophy from Mr. V P Agrawal, Chairman, Airports Authority of India, at a glittering closing ceremony of the tournament at the AAI Officers' Institute, New Delhi on Saturday.

Airports Authority of India, a leading Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Civil Aviation, organised "AAI International Grandmasters Chess Tournament 2011", which featured six of the most promising young talents in the game from all over the world.

Keeping pace with other high-profile events globally, the tournament offered a total prize money worth US \$ 24,500. The winner takes \$ 8,000, while the runner-up received \$ 6,000.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri V P Agrawal, Chairman, AAI said "The game was given to the world by India and we also have the world champion from India - Viswanathan Anand. So it is only logical that the AAI supports an endeavour which showcases India's ancient game and young talent from around the world".

The AAI has been supporting various games and young sportspersons, including chess. Parimarjan Negi, the current National champion, and who has broken many records and Dronavalli Harika among women are supported by AAI.

Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan, President, Delhi Chess Association, supporting the event said "We are proud to have been associated with such a high standard event which has been a treat for chess lovers in Delhi".

The tournament, which started on June 21, came to a close after a gala dinner hosted at the AAI Officers Club on July 02, 2011.



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